

# WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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## HOME

Home is such a bonnie word—  
What memories it brings  
Of birds and bees, of brooks and trees,  
And many lovely things.

Home is such a sweet word,  
Like breath of fragrant flowers,  
It breathes of smiles, of merry wiles  
And many happy hours.

Home is such a dear word,  
It speaks of love and light,  
Of faith and prayer, and mother care  
To cheer life's darkest night.

Home is such a precious word,  
Our jewels all are there—  
Our love, our joy without alloy  
Our heavenly Father's care.

Home is such a blessed word—  
The Home for which we sigh  
Not far away, but near always  
Its blessed hilltops lie.

To you, to me, it's beckoning—  
This blessed home of love;  
God grant us grace to see His face  
In that blest Home above.

—Mrs. F. H. Morgan,  
In Clay Co. Crescent,  
Penney Farms, Fla.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Co-Workers:

After our vacations, surely we feel ready for real work, right up to our coming Jubilee convention Sept. 7-10. Budgets and dues are coming in and I'm sure that you also have the Temperance Education Fund on your hearts and minds. I hope that each one will ask some one every day to become a new member.

Be sure, treasurers, that each old member has been asked for dues, for we must—in this Jubilee year—make a worthwhile net gain in membership. This will be the greatest honor that can be given in the names of Frances Willard and our own Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Impress upon the new members of this year the very special privilege and honor of always being known as Willard-Anderson members.

Mrs. Anderson, as chairman of our Jubilee committee, is writing you about preparing for that. Let Headquarters know the name of every pioneer member in your community. We desire to pay them special honor and to make this an outstanding convention in every way.

While we are sorry indeed that our national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith cannot be with us, and especially because her strength has not been fully recovered since her illness, we are much pleased that our national recording secretary, Mrs. Nelle G. Burger, Springfield, Mo., can come to us. Plan now to attend this convention. We assure that Jamestown, who entertained our first state convention, will give you a most cordial welcome at this Golden Jubilee.

I trust that you all observed Peace Day June 11, but we need to talk and

pray for Peace every day. Please secure signatures to blanks that have been sent you that we may petition for a World Conference where the cause and cure of war may be examined and settled so that universal disarmament and a lasting world peace may be secured.

South Dakota has beaten us and is a Gold Star state so will have a double golden celebration this September. Congratulations, South Dakota! We also challenged Minnesota and she is on the home stretch but we may yet catch up. Some of our unions have done much splendid work.

Note the timely recipes for summer drinks by Mrs. Blanche Pennington in Union Signal of July 8, very good and worthwhile competitors to the wrong kind of drinks. Continually watch out for "reefers" (marihuana) as they are being peddled in our communities. Instruct and warn adults as well as young people.

Plan now, before schools open, to place in your school or community library at least one new temperance book, starting a temperance shelf and subscribing for The Union Signal and Young Crusader for the same. I hope you are getting temperance news into your local papers, thanking the editor when he publishes it.

We are all rejoicing over our recent state victory in defeating the municipal liquor store bill. Let us take courage and press on with more vigor in our temperance work than we have ever done before, especially interesting our young people. If you cannot organize a Y. T. C., get your young people to sign the pledge and pay 50 cents dues, so they may belong to the union, and be sure to give them something to do. If we only had more L. T. L.'s and Y. T. C.'s, we would never need to have membership campaigns as they would naturally come into the W. C. T. U.

We are grieving over our loss in the Home-going of our dear Helen L. Byrnes, but trying to rejoice for her as no one could be more ready for such a call. May our Father help our national officers and executive committee to secure some such able and devoted young leader to follow in her footsteps. Get new members, right now—Willard-Anderson members—and rejoice Mrs. Anderson's heart. Make meetings so attractive and interesting that they, too, will gain new members.

Loyally yours,  
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

## Why Were the Saints, Saints?

"Because they—were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful; patient when it was difficult to be patient, and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all; it was quite simple and always will be."



MRS. NELLE G. BURGER

The varied talents of Mrs. Nelle G. Burger of Springfield, Missouri, recording secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union and president of the Missouri State W. C. T. U., project her personality far beyond the technical duties of even these two responsible executive positions.

Mrs. Burger is recognized as one of the foremost orators and lecturers of the nation.

By her vigorous and effective championship of reform measures, Mrs. Burger has been instrumental in recent years in achieving enactment in her state of laws abolishing white slavery, providing a system of police women, promoting minimum wage for women, and protective measures dealing with child labor, scientific temperance instruction and many others.

Mrs. Burger served on the Missouri State Board of Charities and Corrections by appointment of Governor Frederick D. Gardner and continued by Governor Arthur M. Hyde, and on the Minimum Wage Commission. She represented the World's and National W. C. T. U. in Old Mexico and was honored by being placed on the payroll of the Mexican Government. Mrs. Burger is the editor of the Missouri Counselor, the official paper of the Missouri W. C. T. U. She is a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Springfield and has the cordial respect and cooperation of the ministers of her home city, as well as the nation at large.

Equally at ease on a platform or in participation in important civic and political conferences, Mrs. Burger has filled a distinguished role on many important occasions in recent years, not the least of which was the representation of her national body at the National Democratic Conventions at Houston and Chicago.

No cloud across the sun but passes at the last and gives us back the face of God once more.—Charles Kingsley.

## MRS. ANDERSON'S S.O.S. CALL

Dear Comrades:

I am writing you as chairman of the committee for the Willard Centenary and Golden Jubilee celebration. We have looked forward to this happy occasion which is to be celebrated Sept. 7-10 at Jamestown, where our first state convention was held. This convention, with its unique, double celebration, will always be outstanding in the history of our organization. There will never be another one like it: Let us make the most of it!

Please take pencil and paper now, before you forget it, and write out "What I Have Done to Help Reach the Golden Jubilee Goals." There is not much time left if you are not satisfied with what you have already done, but there is time for one item of tremendous importance for the future of our work. There is still time to put on your hat and your most winning smile and with a prayer in your heart to go forth and bring in that new member. Don't return until you find her. Determination is half the battle.

Of the group of North Dakota women who were at Yankton when our state W. C. T. U. was organized fifty years ago, there is, so far as I know, only one living—Mrs. John Monson, formerly of Fargo, now of Lake Alfred, Florida. The years have taken their toll and we must continually fill up the ranks. The unions that keep up the Loyal Temperance Legion or the Youth's Temperance Council will have no trouble doing this for these young people naturally graduate into the W. C. T. U.

When I read in the White Ribbon Bulletin that the new members gained this year were to be known as Willard-Anderson members, I realized that our general officers had conferred a very great honor upon me. It means much to have one's name linked in any way with that of Frances Willard. While I feel I do not deserve this honor, I deeply appreciate it and every such member reported will bring joy and gladness to me. At the convention, special recognition will be given to all who have secured one or more Willard-Anderson members.

Mrs. Wylie has written you directions regarding the preparation of the history of your local union. Be sure to have it ready and send with your delegation to Jamestown that it may be in our Historical Exhibit. Afterwards it should be presented at the great state historical meeting at Valley City October 1st. It will then be bound with the permanent records and filed with the State Historical Society at Bismarck, and thus become a part of the history of the state.

As historian for North Dakota W. C. T. U. I specially request that you have two copies made and send one to me at North Dakota W. C. T. U. Headquarters, Fargo, for OUR per-

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### EDITORIAL

**Important Notice.**—This is a year of reports. Every organization is asked to write its history. The North Dakota Council of Christian Education is promoting a state-wide Christian observance at Valley City October 1st. As one of the cooperating societies we have sent blanks to all local unions. Through a mistake, a few unions received blanks intended only for churches. PLEASE NOTE: WE WANT ONLY A HISTORY OF YOUR UNION, brought first to state convention to form part of our historical exhibit, later to be sent to Valley City and afterwards filed in the State Historical Society at Bismarck for future reference.

The annual report blanks have been sent you early because of the earlier date of state convention. Please give these your prompt attention. The Peace petitions which you have received are very important. Please attach more paper if necessary, secure as many signatures as possible and return to National WCTU Headquarters, Evanston, Ill., by Sept. 1st.

### DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

(Passages Miss Willard underlined in her Bible)

Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. Ex. 14:15.  
Increase thine army and come out. Judges 9:29.

My Presence shall go with thee. Exodus 33:14.

So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work. Neh. 4:6.

We will rejoice in Thy salvation and in the Name of our God we will set up our banners. . . . Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. Psalm 20: 5, 7.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and He is the governor among the nations. Psalm 22:28.

### MEMBERSHIP HONORS

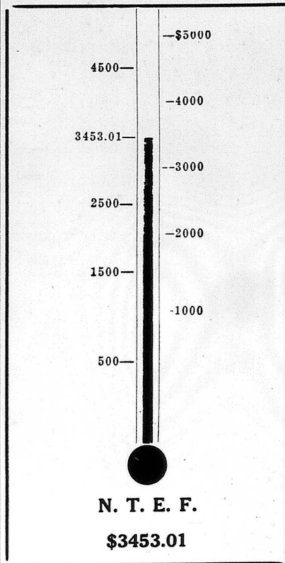
**WILLARD PATRIOTS:** Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher; Mrs. Roy A. Holand, Grand Forks.

**WILLARD EDUCATORS:** Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown; Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks Scandinavian; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot.

**WILLARD BUILDERS:** Mmes. G. E. Norris, W. J. Thompson, Addie M. Brooks, Kate S. Wilder, Barbara H. Wylie, Mrs. R. B. Reed, Fargo; Mrs. Peder Fluvog, Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Mme. Ida M. Melin, Fargo Scandinavian, Mrs. T. O. Breuing, Mrs. C. M. Carlson, Mrs. E. Simonson, Mrs. Martin Johnson, Grand Forks Scandinavian; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Mrs. Edith Salt, Mrs. Susan Ferguson, Mrs. Annie Fleming Poole, Grand Forks; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River; Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, Mrs. Clyde Lurette, Sawyer; Mrs. Carl Bowman, Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Rust, Mrs. Chas. Hagman,

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# For The Honor Of North Dakota



Let us finish our quota of the National Temperance Education Fund by Sept. 1, 1939. Pledges may be made payable Dec. 31, 1939.

### WEST FAIRVIEW W. C. T. U.

The following history was read at the Golden Jubilee celebration June 21 by Mrs. Paul Hanson, district vice president:

Fifty years ago next November, in the year 1889, a group of pioneer women, feeling the urgent need of organizing to fight the liquor traffic, gathered to form what was later known as the West Fairview W. C. T. U. Miss Elizabeth Preston, daughter of the late Rev. E. S. Preston, pastor of the Methodist church at Elliott, drove over to organize. As state organizer, this was the first time Miss Preston had been called upon to act in this capacity.

The charter members were: Mrs. Mett Hanson, Mrs. Nettie Rice, Miss Carrie Walker, Mrs. Millie Watts, Mrs. Maria Ballinger, Miss Cora Loomer, Mrs. Nina Porter, Miss Nettie Walker and Mrs. Edith Roomer. This was a prayerful, earnest group of women and at their second meeting they decided to take up department work. At the fourth meeting they decided to hold a Demorest Medal contest. Even before Mother's Day was set as a national observance these women held a special Mother's meeting with a suitable program.

Their first year was successful and the organization was working in a very satisfactory way. Meetings were held regularly once a month for several years but were later changed to every two weeks and have been held that way ever since. In 1893, Miss Rose Feilstad, a rural school teacher, was appointed superintendent of juvenile work—the beginning of work for the children. In 1902 the women decided that in order to keep their organization alive they must do more definite work for the children so the first Loyal Temperance Legion was organized, lapsed in 1904 but was resumed in 1906, continuing for several years with the late Mrs. Mett Hanson as leader.

Though the L. T. L. has not continued without interruptions, it has re-

### "NOT FAILURE, BUT LOW AIM, IS CRIME"

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Chairman National Campaign Committee for this fund, writes: "The W. C. T. U. has ever majored in the impossible. The brewers and distillers do not expect us to win. That does not concern me as much as the fact that if we do not succeed, children will not get the instruction we want them to have to safeguard their lives. Our special fund will be used all too soon, and if each state does not reach its goal, the work of that state as well as the larger projects that can be financed by all working together as the National W. C. T. U. will be cut short. We can make the W. C. T. U. a felt power in getting our educational plan adopted by school authorities and by showing the world, that so carelessly passes by, what alcohol is and what it does." We now report twenty-six Gold Star unions with Larimore a double Gold Star. Will you not join the distinguished list during this the last working month before state convention?

Bismarck	Hannah
Calvin	LARIMORE
Cooperstown	Minnewaukan
Crosby	Nekoma
Dickey	Northwood
Drayton	Oberon
Edinburg	Parshall
Edgeley	Prosper
Epping	Reeder
Fairdale	Sheldon
Flasher	Stanley
Gilby	Steele
Grand Forks Scan.	Wyndmere.

cruited the W. C. T. U. and the union has prospered. Former L. T. L. children are the present members, in many cases, who have carried on the work.

And so, through the years, working, praying, holding contests, distributing literature, working for temperance and for suffrage, members of the West Fairview union have continued, under difficult circumstances, to carry on the faith and work of their pioneer mothers. Mrs. Cora Ballinger who, at the time of organization, was Miss Cora Loomer, is the only remaining charter member. In addition to Mrs. Ballinger, who is president, the present members are: Mmes. Iva Anderson, Margaret Ballinger, Cecil Coit, Olga Kelly, Paul Hanson, Leon Hanson, Geo. Hanson, Bessie Gilbertson, Melissa Dick, Inga Klystad, T. Thompson and Miss Mary Jensen.

### MILK BAR DRAWS YOUNGER SET IN WALDORF ASTORIA

So popular are soft drinks with the younger set today, the press reports, that the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, has recently installed a milk bar as a special attraction. At the entrance to the Empire room in this hotel, "swinging music enthusiasts" step up to a colorful "bar" in evening dress and order Grade A milk, prune juice, lemonade, or sarsaparilla.

"The idea for the bar was derived from the milk bars in use at many of the prominent debutante parties in the city," says an announcement, "As a convenience to the younger set, and in an effort to make them more comfortable, a milk bar was installed."

The menu, decorated with the head of a jovial looking cow, lists a wide variety of milk drinks, sodas, and soft drinks. The non-alcoholic drinkers are able to enjoy the attractive effects which shining mahogany, wide mirrors, and a stimulating chandelier lend to the scene which is already proving to be one of the interesting "night spots."

Today I will look for the pleasant things and tell them to others.—Anon.

### IN MEMORIAM Helen Louise Byrnes

"It was only a wonderful journey  
From an old world into the New,  
Where golden gates were opened wide,  
To let our loved one through.

And there, with just the same glad smile,  
And the heart we cherish so,  
Our dear one waits until we meet  
In the Land where loved ones go."

It is a rare privilege to have known and loved Helen Byrnes. Sunday afternoon, June 11, on a train in Texas, speeding westward to her Los Angeles home for a much needed vacation, Miss Byrnes was suddenly called to her heavenly home. North Dakota comrades were shocked at the news. We remember the help and inspiration she gave us at Bismarck last September. We recall "her radiant spirituality, her buoyancy, her charming personality, her boundless devotion to every task—to say nothing of her ability to give an inspiring address or a few minutes "pep" talk, her talent as a song leader or ready accompanist at the piano. An ordained minister of the Methodist church, Miss Byrnes expected to make preaching her life mission; but, like Miss Willard, whom she greatly admired, she heard the call to W. C. T. U. service, saying: "Because I believe the Lord led me into the work, I dare not refuse." Through several trips to Europe and one world tour, her influence is world wide. Now she has joined the great company of our promoted comrades in that beautiful Land.

"Happy white ribboners—home-like is heaven,  
God guides and girds us through help  
you have given."

MARY LAMPSON WHEELER, on the eve of her seventy-ninth birthday May 11, entered Life eternal. Active in church and temperance work, she was at one time president of the Lisbon union and also district president of the W. C. T. U. Through years of failing health she was a patient sufferer, upheld by the strength of her Christian faith and courage. Her Lisbon comrades say of her, "She was a kind neighbor and loyal friend."

MRS. IDA BUTTLES, formerly of Fargo, but later of Jamestown, passed away July 12, much beloved by a wide circle of friends. She cared tenderly for her invalid sister, Mrs. Alson Wells, who preceded her some time ago. A beautiful, unselfish character she lived "not to be ministered unto but to minister." Both sisters were devoted to temperance work.

MRS. ROBERT PARKER, a pioneer white ribboner of the Ray union, always ready to lend a helping hand in every good work, was called away June 14.

MRS. MARY H. HAIG of Devils Lake union, who for the past several years has resided in Whittier, California, sister-in-law of Mrs. Necla E. Buck and kindly remembered by many friends for her "works of faith and labors of love" was called a short time ago to the Better Land.

Our understanding sympathy is sincerely expressed to Mrs. C. A. Landgren, president of the Jamestown union, in the Home-going of her beloved mother.

"War takes the best men that nations produce. It kills them off and leaves the inferior ones to perpetuate the race. I have always held that wars were started by the few in power, and were fought by the many at the expense of the many."—David Starr Jordan.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May 24 to July 12, 1939

DUES—Larimore 8; Hillsboro 10; Nekoma 3; Mayville 10; Fargo 13; Grand Forks 1; McKenzie 2; Reeder 11; Flasher 3; Monango 5; Pembina 5; Oberon 2; Benedict 3; Sheldon 3; Ellendale 5; West Fairview 10; Minot 5; Wyndmere 1; Westhope 3; Hankinson 2; Dickey Y. T. C. 3; Northwood Y. T. C. 1; Dickinson L. T. L. 25; Dickey L. T. L. 27.

BUDGET—Prosper comp. \$10.50; Hillsboro comp. \$10.00; Mayville comp. \$8.00; Fargo comp. \$12.00; Drayton \$6.00; Park River \$5.00; Grand Forks \$10.30; McKenzie \$6.00; Hannah comp. \$4.00; Crosby \$8.00; Underwood \$11.00; Ellendale \$5.00; Ray comp. \$4.00; Wyndmere \$5.00; Benedict \$5.50; Minot \$5.00.

N. T. E. F.—Larimore \$2.25; Fargo \$9.00; Grand Forks \$3.00; Edinburg \$10.00; Benedict \$7.00; Calvin in honor of Miss Maggie Sillers, \$10.00; Dickey \$9.00.

STATE REPORTS—Underwood 3; Edinburg 2; Nekoma 2

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Devils Lake Dist. \$10.00; James-Valley Dist. \$10.00; Northwest Dist. \$5.00; Minot Dist. \$5.00; Ransom-LaMoure Dist. \$10.00; Northeast Dist. \$20.00.

Dear Treasurers:

You will have received my special letter before this time and I trust you are all working hard getting in dues and budget and will send to me promptly. Treasurer's books will close on August 24. Do not delay.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. R. B. Reed,  
Treasurer.

1341 11th Ave. North  
Fargo, North Dakota.

## CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

The fiftieth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby called to meet in Jamestown September 7-10, 1939. The state officers will meet Sept. 7 at 2 P. M. and the executive committee at three o'clock.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents, or their alternates, the general secretaries of Loyal Temperance Legion and Youth's Temperance Council, editor of state paper, department directors, field workers and organizers.

Membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from every local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. leader. The Y. T. C. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W. C. T. U. but the delegates must be young women.

The by-laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks before the date of the annual meeting which will be August 24. The convention will be held in the Methodist church and Mrs. Nelle G. Burger, president Missouri W. C. T. U. and national recording secretary will be welcomed as convention guest. Plan to attend and help make our Golden Jubilee convention a memorable success.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner,  
President.  
Barbara H. Wylie,  
Cor. Sec'y.

"Be like the bird that halting in her flight

Awhile on boughs too slight,  
Feels them give way beneath her and yet sings,

Knowing that she hath wings."

—Victor Hugo.

## LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, State Secretary

Our L. T. L. year is fast coming to a close. These days are fine for hikes, picnics and lawn meetings. Outside children may be invited and so may become interested in the work. Secretaries may study to extend the influence of our educational program.

Reports should be sent to state secretary by August 15 and be sure to send dues to state treasurer by Aug. 24 when her books close for this year because of the early state convention. "Dues time, dues time, happy L. T. L. time,

When we bring our nickels and our dimes

To pay our dues for a long, long time.

Will you be able to say this?

"Our report is prompt and fine, Mailed before that awful dead line; With the records from our legion We are now an Honor Legion."

MRS. LYLE DAWSON, St. Anthony, has introduced temperance teaching into her junior missionary society and the children enjoy it.

MRS. A. C. OLSON, Calvin, leads a lively group of nearly 40 children, 35 of whom have paid dues. Study books used are: "Answers to Alcohol," "Three Young Americans," "Mrs. Gray Bunny's Children" and the Young Crusader of which 21 copies are taken. After reading "Pioneer Girl" they presented it to the school library. Congratulations! Mrs. Olson is the newly elected president of Devils Lake district.

WILLARD WORDS by Miss Lenadell Wiggins, national L. T. L. secretary, is a new leaflet, suitable for public meetings, short but interesting.

### LITTLE BOY BLUE

Little boy Legioner, blow your horn. The whiskey man is after your corn. The brewer would like your barley for beer,

The cider man your apples, I fear. Toot! Toot! my temperance horn I'll blow

To tell all these naughty people, 'No!'

### THE NICEST WORDS

By James W. Foley

The nicest words I know are these: "Excuse me," "Thank you," "If you please."

I find I need them every day Whatever other words I say.

It helps me all the way along To say "Excuse me" if I'm wrong; If I must go, if I intrude, If I am thoughtless or am rude;

No service rendered me so slight But somehow "Thank you" sounds just right.

I bid you try it every while You may, and serve it with a smile.

And straightway you will find it makes Him glad who gives and him who takes.

I find that simple "Yes" agrees Not quite so well as "If you please."

Such friendly little words and bright With kindness—and so polite. So learn to say these words with ease "Excuse me," "Thank you," "If you please."

### MRS. BOOLE'S SPECIAL

Here is a receipt for a delicious fruit drink which Dr. Ella Boole calls her best:

1 can of apricot juice,  
1 lemon.

1 small bottle ginger ale,  
Handful of cracked ice.

Leave in refrigerator until flavors are blended.

Add sugar if desired.

## THE NEED OF Y.T.C. TODAY

The field of explanation covered by the title of this article is indeed very broad. Temperance is a word too often misused and misunderstood. And temperance among youth is all too often left out of the study courses in our high schools and colleges. So little is known about this subject, and so little interest is being aroused among youth for temperance, that our American young people are fast losing sight of the essentials of practicing temperance. First I shall undertake to define and illustrate the definition of the word, temperance.

If a person is temperate in all things, he lives in a so-called "happy medium" concerning his work, recreation, health, and general habits. He does not attempt to "overdo" anything he undertakes, but practices self-control for the good of his own well-being. Many people associate the word temperance only with harmful alcoholics and narcotics. This is all well and good; but the actual content of the term applies to anything in life, such as eating, sleeping, working, playing, reading, and the like. If a person overdoes in any of these, he is practicing intemperance in that particular habit. But the most disastrous effects have been caused by over-intemperance in the use of alcohol, tobacco, and habit-forming body-destroying drugs. This is where the Y. T. C. comes in.

Throughout the United States, in almost every city, town, and country village, public dances are held frequently for the entertainment of the young people of the neighborhood or community. As far as dancing alone is concerned, there are few objections, but in late years a public dance for young people means drinking, carousing, and lowering of decency and self respect. Why can't we have good, clean, decent dances, void of alcoholic liquors and poisonous narcotics? The young people can get the alcohol, and do get it, only because others drink and they want to be like the rest. Why should it be placed at the disposal of our American youth? Why should our youth be permitted to destroy all sense of decent character and clean American living because of the money-grabbing brewers and advertising agencies? This has to be stopped! and stopped by our own American young people! This, then is one of the many tremendous tasks of the Youth Temperance Council.

Practically every average American family subscribes for at least one newspaper or magazine. These publications are almost necessary to the people of the world in an age such as the one we are living in. Most of them contain good, clean literature and essential news of what is happening in the daily events of our modern world. But almost every one of these publications contain something absolutely unworthy of true American ideals. This is alcohol and tobacco advertising. Huge sums of money are spent by brewers and cigarette firms to place advertisements in our daily papers and weeklies to try to ensnare the public in their nets of lies and false propaganda. And the editors of these so-called "decent" publications absolutely cooperate with the brewers and tobacco dealers by printing full page advertisements in their publications to catch the innocent eyes of millions of unsuspecting boys and girls in the United States and throughout the whole world. Do these people expect such advertisements to help develop our young people into strong, clean-charactered men and women, capable of steering our nation through national and world conflict when they become future guiders of this nation? What has happened to the reasoning power that these men who make possible such advertisements possibly once possessed? Lust for money, and plain, selfish greed have turned their

## JOHN BARLEYCORN, MY BUSINESS RIVAL

We're all in business now-a-days  
And competition's keen.  
My business is to be alert,—  
Keep healthy, strong and clean.

The liquor dealer's business is  
To sell folks alcohol,  
Because, unless they drink his wares  
His profit will be small.  
It's his business to hurt my business,  
And he is going to do it if he can.  
It's my business to thwart his business,  
For I'm a business man.

We're all in business, now-a-days;  
We're seeking fuller life;  
We're seeking health and happiness,  
Avoiding needless strife;  
But we must fight the enemy  
Who steals the profits made,—  
Who saps ambition, injures health,  
Which is our stock-in-trade.

It's his business to hurt my business  
And this is where the rivalry begins  
It's my business to thwart his business,—  
And don't forget, the best man always wins.

—Florence E. Marshall.  
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## S. O. S. CALL—

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manent records. If you have in your possession anything connected with Miss Willard, please bring or send it to the Jamestown convention. If you have anything connected with the history and work of the North Dakota W. C. T. U.—clippings, pictures, etc.—send it, plainly marked, so it can be understood and returned to you. We hope to have a fine historical exhibit. We have a complete file of Minutes or State Reports for our Headquarters. We are endeavoring to make another file for the State Historical Society at Bismarck. The following years are missing: 1890, 1891, 1893, 1926, 1928, 1932, 1936. If you have any of these, please send them to our Headquarters at Fargo.

Trusting that I may see many of you at our Willard Centenary and Golden Jubilee convention at Jamestown, I am

Yours faithfully,  
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

minds and eyes away from the future welfare of the nation. "What can be done?" you say. The answer to that question lies with our Youth Temperance Council! It is up to the Y. T. C. to take away such tempting advertisements from the eyes of our young people. It is up to us, then, to convince our fellow youth citizens of America what folly and absolutely unworthy disrespect and un-American habits are caused by drinking and smoking. We must convince them of the ruination they are causing themselves and their companions by use of alcohol and tobacco. Most young persons have definite ambitions for the future. We must convince them, too, that drinking and smoking are the greatest influence existing to turn them away from the accomplishment of those ambitions. In short, we must convince them that the use of alcohol and tobacco will form only one pathway in their adult life and responsibility—the pathway to complete and utter ruination—the pathway to Hell!

Let us consider this a challenge! Let us rally to the challenge and fight with all the strength and energy of our American youth! Let us organize into a solid block of influential strength. Let this, then, be our motto —"ON WITH THE Y. T. C.!"

Ralph Perry.

Calvin, N. D.

## LATER DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The following conventions were held in June but as we have no July issue of the Bulletin, reports of them are delayed until August. It is more and more evident that May is the month for conventions as so many state organizations meet in June, making confusions in dates.

**NORTH-EAST.**—At Grafton, June 2, in the Federated church, the North-east district met to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the president, Mrs. Frank Beasley presiding. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, state and national director Institutes, as guest speaker, gave valuable assistance during the day. Morning devotions were by Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River. Encouraging reports were presented by district officers and delegates.

Mrs. J. W. Cawthorne, Drayton, conducted devotions opening the afternoon session. Rainbow ribbons were presented for various achievements. Mrs. Wilder gave a talk on Institutes and also explained why we oppose the municipal liquor stores. Mrs. Beasley called attention to state convention and Jubilee goals. Vocal solos by Mrs. W. J. Johnston and Miss Carlson were enjoyed.

At the Golden Jubilee banquet, Mr. A. G. Strand, county superintendent of schools, was toastmaster. Mrs. Wilder gave a toast to the W. C. T. U. of fifty years ago; Mrs. Beasley spoke of prominent pioneer members and Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont, had a paper on music of fifty years ago. A beautiful birthday cake adorned the table. Mrs. O. M. Omie and Mrs. Mott, charter members of the Grafton union, were especially honored. Corsage bouquets were presented to them and to Mrs. Wilder and Mrs. Beasley. At the evening session Miss Marguerite Phelps gave an organ recital. Rev. A. E. Place led devotions and Jack Bannerman sang. Jessie Carlson and Harold Albert Hagen were dedicated as white ribbon recruits by Mrs. Wilder, who gave the evening address on "Building the Wall of Defense."

**ELLENDALE.**—Monango entertained this convention in the Presbyterian church June 6, the district president, Mrs. Bruce Scott, presiding. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, was guest speaker. Mrs. J. O. Olson, Glover, led devotions. Local union reports were given. Miss Frances Hathaway sang and Mrs. Wanner gave a demonstration showing what alcohol does to various substances. A noon luncheon was served in the church.

Mrs. Stevens of Glover conducted devotions at opening of afternoon session. Senator E. Magoffin of Monango spoke on temperance legislation in last session. Mrs. Wanner explained why we oppose state-owned liquor stores. Resolutions read by the committee were adopted. Mrs. R. G. Newton, Monango, was elected district corresponding secretary and all other officers were re-elected.

**MINOT** district met at Benedict, Mrs. C. F. Truax, district president, presiding. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state vice president, was convention speaker. Mrs. Geo. Mounce, Minot, led devotions. A business session followed and noon luncheon was served by Lutheran ladies.

"Our Responsibility to Children and Youth" was discussed by Rev. Alma J. Herr of Benedict. Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Minot, spoke on Temperance Legislation at the last session of the Legislature and "International Relations and Peace" was the subject of an address by Mrs. Geo. Moyer of Burlington. Mrs. Darling explained our opposition to state-owned liquor stores and Mrs. Ray Mills urged meeting our goals before state con-

vention.

Mrs. Herr led devotions at the evening session. There was special music. Mrs. Darling gave a strong address on "The Way Out." Resolutions were read, "America" was sung and Rev. A. J. Brunet pronounced the benediction. Mrs. J. Welden, Benedict, is the new recording secretary and all other officers were re-elected.

**NORTHWEST.**—June 15 at Grenora, this district met for its 26th annual convention. Mrs. J. H. Phelps presided and Mrs. Darling was again guest speaker. Devotions were led by Mrs. Isaacson. To a welcome address by Mrs. J. J. Johnson, response was made by Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Fortuna. Eight unions were represented. Mrs. L. C. Hart, Williston, led in reading of the Crusade Psalm. The work of Youth's Temperance Council was discussed by Mrs. Ellen Berg, Zahl, assistant state secretary. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. B. H. Thorlakson, Stanley. Lunch was served in the church dining room.

In the afternoon, Rosemary and Phyllis Isaacson sang a duet. Mrs. J. N. Wallestad spoke on Medal Contests and also read a paper on Law Enforcement. Miss Daniels read "The Great Commission" and young Master Daniels, "The Prodigal." At the evening meeting music was provided by the Wildrose union and a special feature was the address by Mrs. Darling. Wildrose invited the next convention.

**RANSOM-LAMOURE.**—Unusual interest centered in the 39th annual convention of this district held at West Fairview June 21 with Mrs. J. A. Youngman presiding and with all unions represented. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the entertaining union, organized by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson who was special guest of honor. Also present was Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, who assisted in the program and dedicated white ribbon recruits. Mrs. Cora Ballinger led devotions and Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Edgeley, responded to the gracious welcome by Fairview union. The memorial service was impressively conducted by Mrs. H. D. Mack of Dickey. A noon luncheon was served by the local ladies who had made generous provision for the entertainment of their guests.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Anderson gave reminiscences and Mrs. Paul Hanson, district vice president, read a history of the union which appears elsewhere. A duet by Gordon and Allen Hanson was beautifully rendered. Mrs. H. Dunsden, Edgeley, spoke on "Alcohol as a Public Menace."

The convention banquet was largely attended, friends coming from nearby towns. A three-tiered birthday anniversary cake, frosted in white with yellow candles, centered the table. Lovely flowers were presented to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Cora Ballinger, the only remaining charter member. At the evening session, Mr. Leon Hanson sang and Mrs. Wanner gave an inspirational address. All officers were re-elected.

Following this convention Mrs. Wanner visited Oakes, spending a few hours with the members there. At Hankinson a meeting was held the evening of June 22nd in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. M. Osborn with a group of invited friends. Sunday, June 26 was spent in Enderlin where Mrs. Wanner was a guest in the home of the pastor, Mrs. Hattie LaGrone; spoke at the morning service and addressed the Epworth League in the evening.

While attending district meetings in the northern part of the state, Mrs. Darling spoke at Bottineau where she met with the members in the hospitable home of Mrs. M. M.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our state president, and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, L. T. L. secretary, were welcome callers at the state office, Fargo.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Reed and family of Columbus are moving to Fargo where Mr. Reed will be one of the faculty of Fargo Business College. Welcome!

Mrs. W. P. Vincent writes that at the May meeting of the Fortuna union all members and eight visitors were present!

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher, spoke on the "Economic Side of Repeal" at a meeting of the Farmer's Union in her community. At a Sunday evening meeting she reviewed the book: "Illusion's End."

Mrs. Thelma L. Vantine, state YTC Secretary, entertained the Bismarck union when Captain Anderson of the Salvation Army led devotions and Mr. Couch, educational advisor for the C. C. C. was speaker. Later members of the union visited the camps, distributing literature.

Fargo Scandinavian union held its annual picnic in Oak Grove with a good attendance. The interesting program on Child Welfare was in charge of Mrs. Nellie A. Hicks. Bruce and Vernon Braaten furnished music.

A member of Flasher union gathered together twelve children when Evangelist Moon gave them a talk on Habits, illustrated with a spool of thread. What are you doing for the children this summer?

At Fargo union's Flower Mission meeting, a well-prepared program was in charge of the local director, Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy. Later the flowers were taken to patients in the hospital.

CALVIN celebrated the birthday of their first president, Miss Maggie Sillers, at a handkerchief shower June 5; and also sent in her honor \$10.00 to the National Temperance Education Fund. Congratulations to Miss Sillers!

**BOWESMONT**, through local and township action, has succeeded in closing the beer parlors of that town at 11 o'clock P. M. Why cannot other places try the same commendable plan?

**PROSPER'S WHITE RIBBON RECRUITS** are: James Langseth, Berne and Uneva Helland, Curtis, Arden and Joanne Rust; Jimmy Volden; Gordon Anderson; Adele and Loren Waa and Joe and Helen Knight.

### Quarterly Temperance Sunday August 20

Mrs. G. E. Norris, state director Religious Education, calls our attention to the temperance lesson Aug. 20 when the topic is: "Beverage Alcohol and the Community." Topics for discussion may be—"The Effect of Liquor in this Community;" "The Nation's Drink Bill, Compared with the Amount Spent for Education;" "What is the Church doing in the Community in Regard to the Liquor Problem?"

The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could; The church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would.

Harris. Other points in her itinerary were Rugby, Landa, Westhope, Minot, Sawyer, Velva, Stanley, Wheelock. Everywhere the workers have been encouraged and new interest created in the work.

## IMMORTALITY

Beyond this life I still shall live;  
The seeds of thoughts I've sown in rhyme  
Shall blossom and rich fruitage give  
In God's eternal harvest time.  
—Pliny A. Wiley.

## MEMBERSHIP HONORS—

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Prosper; Mrs. T. B. Lindsay, Mrs. Fred Gebhart, Mrs. Carl E. Aaker, Larimore; Mrs. O. J. Oswald, Mrs. R. L. Thoreson, Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Miss Edith Simonson, Northwood; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Mrs. P. R. Sorenson, Major Clara Sletten, James town; Mrs. E. H. Thorlakson, Mrs. T. M. Wold, Stanley; Mrs. Virgil A. Reed, Columbus; Mrs. Albert Storey, Mrs. Walter Hansen, Mrs. John Ballinger, Mrs. Dave Ellsworth, Flasher; Mrs. R. E. Taylor and Mrs. W. P. Vincent. Has your name been overlooked? If so, please tell us about it. There is only another month in which to work before we come to the state convention at Jamestown.

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